

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2002

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, July 12, 2002, and Monday, July 15, 2002, due to official business in my District, I was unable to cast my floor vote on rollcall No. 295, 296, 297, and 298. The votes I missed include rollcall vote No. 295 on passage of H.R. 4687, the National Construction Safety Team Act; rollcall vote No. 296 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 3482, the Cyber Security Enhancement Act; rollcall vote No. 297 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 4755, the Clarence Miller Post Office Building Designation Act; and rollcall vote 298 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as amended H.R. 3479, the National Aviation Capacity Expansion Act.

Had I been present for the votes, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote Nos. 295, 296, 297, and 298.

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HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on July 15th I was unavoidably detained in returning to Washington, D.C. from Colorado. As a result, I was unable to vote on three measures considered that day.

Had I been present, on rollcall No. 296, passage of H.R. 3482, the Cyber Security Enhancement Act, I would have voted "yes."

I also would have voted "yes" on both rollcall No. 297, passage of H.R. 4755, and rollcall No. 298, passage of H.R. 3479.

THE INVESTIGATION OF JOHN DEMJANJUK

HON. JAMES A. TRAFICANT, JR.

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2002

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, John Demjanjuk, of Cleveland, Ohio, was convicted and sentenced to death as the "Infamous" Ivan The Terrible of The Treblinka Death Camp in Poland.

The Demjanjuk family appealed to all Members of the House and Senate, and were "turned away" because the case was "too sensitive!"

They came to me! I told them I would pull the switch on Demjanjuk if he was guilty, but would look into the matter.

My investigation exonerated Demjanjuk. The Israeli Supreme Court released him to me and I returned Demjanjuk to his family. The Government is now charging him with something "new"!

Congress wouldn't even look into the liberating evidence I discovered.

The real Ivan was:

1. Nine years older than John Demjanjuk,
2. He was taller,
3. He had a long scar on his neck,
4. The Real Ivan had Black Hair not blonde like John Demjanjuk.

The frightening issue was that our government, through the Office of Special Investigation (O.S.I.), knew John Demjanjuk was not Ivan The Terrible before they stripped him of his citizenship and sent him to Israel to DIE! The Prosecutor for O.S.I., Amy Moscovitz and OSI Agents Garand and Daugherty suborned perjury of S.S. NAZI Guard Otto Hom knowingly and willingly, to strip an American of all his rights and ship him to be executed!

Shame! Shame! And shame on Congress!

I am proud that I helped to save his life! Demjanjuk should be left alone to die with his family. Moscovitz, Garand and Daugherty should have been sent to prison.

As a result of this, I was labeled an anti-Semite and targeted! I am not an anti-Semite!

If a Jewish-American needed help, where no one would intervene, I would have acted in the same fashion and manner.

Bottom Line, in 1991 a top-ranking official of The American Israeli Public Affairs Committee (A.I.P.A.C) was fired and she released AIPAC'S Top Hit List: President George Bush, Secretary of State James Baker, Jesse Jackson, James A. Traficant, Jr.

I was the number one target of Jewish Organizations of 535 Members of Congress and they have done everything to defeat me. The Department of Justice targeted me for the embarrassment I caused them with the Demjanjuk case!

Everybody in Congress knows that I oppose excessive hand-outs to Israel—special preferences to Israel and a one-sided Middle East policy that now has imported Middle East violence to our homeland.

I have nothing against Israel, but I will not sit back and see America endangered because everybody is afraid to tell it like it is. Palestinians deserve a homeland too!

I have been targeted for removal for many reasons: 1. The only American to ever defeat the U.S. Department of Justice, in a RICO case pro se, 2. IRS Legislation that changed the burden of proof so the taxpayers would, once again, be innocent and not have the burden to prove it. 3. Demjanjuk, 4. Waco, 5. Ruby Ridge, 6. Pan Am 103, 7. and basically because I love America and respect and admire the elected Congress.

I do hate our government, run by un-elected bureaucrats who even intimidate our aristocratic judiciary.

In closing, I am absolutely amazed that some jackass federal judge declared the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional! Beam me up!

Tyrants will rule a people who are not governed by God. Those words were spoken by William Penn.

I say—a nation that excludes God—by judges appointed to lifetime terms—is a nation that will ultimately collapse and fail.

Congress must become more than an Advisory Board and start to straighten out this mess in our government!

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOT AIR JUBILEE IN JACKSON, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 16, 2002

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, July 19, 2002 marks the 20th Anniversary of the Hot Air Jubilee in Jackson, Michigan. This event began in 1983 when Jackson Balloon Pilots Tony Hurst and Jim Ahearn suggested the idea to Jackson Resident Mike Brown. The initial goal was to provide a new and exciting family oriented activity to attend in the Jackson area. The inaugural event hosted 17 balloons from Michigan and Ohio and was launched from the Sparks Foundation County Park, Cascades Park, and the grounds of Jackson Community College. At the first Jubilee, approximately 20,000 people were in attendance for the initial launch. In 1996, the Jackson Hot Air Jubilee moved to Reynolds Field at the Jackson County Airport to accommodate the growth in the event. Since that time, the Jackson Hot Air Jubilee has grown to over 65 balloons, with participants coming from as far away as Japan and Australia. In 2001, over 100,000 people attended the event.

The Jackson Hot Air Jubilee has a positive impact on the community by stimulating the local economy through hotel stays, restaurant meals, and other expenditures at local Jackson businesses. The Jubilee also contributes more than \$15,000 to local civic organizations in the Jackson area.

The success of this event over the past 20 years is due to the hard work and dedication of the volunteer planning committee and the more than 600 area volunteers from all walks of life that contribute to the Jackson Hot Air Jubilee. Therefore, I would like to commend the 35 member all Volunteer Hot Air Jubilee planning committee, which works year around to produce this fine event. I also want to recognize the more than 600 local volunteer citizens that contribute their time and energy to the Jackson hot air jubilee, without whose assistance this event would not happen. The members of the business community and private citizens that sponsor the Jackson Hot Air Jubilee also deserve recognition for supporting such a fine family oriented event for the citizens of the 7th Congressional District and beyond. I would also like to commend the Jackson County Airport for opening their facility for the Jackson Hot Air Jubilee and the community at large.

The Jackson Hot Air Jubilee is an exemplary model of a community working together to achieve a common goal: providing a well-organized, family oriented festival for all to enjoy. I commend the Jackson Hot Air Jubilee for a job well done, and wish the Committee continued success for many years to come.